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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97, Applicants request that the art cited in the annexed form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

It is noted that the identified application claims priority of EPO application 98810556.5 filed June 18, 1998.


Reference CC - Belgium patent 731126 - is in Dutch and is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 7 line 32 to page 8 line 2.

Reference EE - EPO patent 0 875 394 - is in German and is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 4 lines 22 to 34.

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